

HOUSE BILL 524
By Strader

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
69-9-215, relative to liability of boat owners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-215(a), is amended by deleting that subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new subsection (a):

(a)

(1) The owner of a vessel, other than a bona fide person engaged in the business of renting boats or a person engaged in the business of selling, repairing or manufacturing boats that loans a boat to a consumer or potential consumer on a temporary basis, shall be liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of that vessel, whether such negligence consists of a violation of the laws of this state, or neglecting to observe such ordinary care and such operation as the rules of the common law require.

(2) The operator of a boat which has been rented from a person engaged in the business of renting boats or which is on temporary loan from a person engaged in the business of selling, repairing, or manufacturing boats shall be liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of that vessel, whether such negligence consists of a violation of the laws of this state or neglecting to observe such ordinary care and such operation as the rules of the common law require.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

